

St Francis de Sales Church
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Mass Times and Intentions St F - St Francis; OLOL - Our Lady of Lourdes

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Feast of the Day</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Sat Nov 19	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	Edward Howard RIP 25 TH Anniversary
Sun Nov 20	9:00 am	OLOL		Vincent Cunane RIP
	11:00 am	St F		The People of the Parish
Mon Nov 21			The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Tues Nov 22	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	St F	Adoration & Reconciliation	
	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm		MASS St Cecelia, Virgin	
Wed Nov 23	9:30 am - 10:00 am	OLOL	Adoration & Reconciliation	Thanksgiving for the Nash Family
	10:00 am - 10:30		MASS	
Thurs Nov 24	9:30 am - 10:00 am	St F	MASS	
	10:00 am - 10:30		Adoration & Reconciliation St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs	
Fri Nov 25				
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT				
Sat Nov 26	6:00 pm	St F	MASS	For the souls of Asumcion Nastor & Lordeliza Lumayno RIP
Sun Nov 27	9:00 am	OLOL		
	11:00 am	St F		

The Popes Intention November 2022
Children Who Suffer
 We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

St Joseph's Parish, Newbury: Vacancy exists for a Parish Admin Support member - 9 hours per week (subject to increase in time). Salary: up to £13 per hour.
 Application forms and Job Description available from: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk: Closing date for applications: Friday 2nd December 2022

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 Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 a/c number 00882993
 PRCDTR Newbury St Francis de Sales
 Ref: St Francis de Sales/Your name/?

Luke 23:35-43

It might seem strange that this part of the story of Christ's passion and death is read on the feast of Christ the King. How is it that this gospel reading was chosen?

The debate about whether Jesus is properly called the anointed king or Messiah takes us to the heart of the drama of the gospel. The leaders taunt Jesus: 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God'. The soldiers mock Jesus for claiming to be 'the king of the Jews'. The truth is proclaimed somewhat ironically by the inscription on the cross. But Jesus did not come to win a worldly kingdom, and throughout his public ministry he was wary of any messianic claims made for him.

It is in the dialogue with the 'good thief', the criminal crucified with him who is well disposed towards him, that we come to know the truth about the kingdom of Jesus. His kingdom is not of this world. It is the kingdom of God, where peace and mercy reign, not an earthly kingdom which can be fought over in war and violence.

The heart of the message of this gospel is that Jesus welcomes the repentant sinner, no matter how grievous his offence, into the kingdom, into the arms of the loving Father. This is an appropriate passage with which to end our Sunday-by-Sunday reading of the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has come to 'bring good news to the poor' (4:18), and to 'seek out and save the lost' (19:10). Those who turn to Jesus come into his company in the kingdom of God. Fr Adrian Graffy

SAFEGUARDING: Should you have any safeguarding concerns about a child or vulnerable adult, please contact the parish safeguarding team (Jemma Pollard and Mike Pyne): safeguarding@stfrancisdesales.org.uk
Virtual Landline Number: 03301334514
Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Parish Administrator: Yvonne Eaton
The Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm

**Booking for Parish Hall. Please email Maureen Hudd at Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com
Please use email as this ensures clarity of request.**

Diocesan Ten Year Plan

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/our-mission/planning/ten-year-plan/>

Our thanks to all who attended our parish meeting on Tuesday and contributed very positively to the discussions on our opportunities and challenges. It was one of our best attended meetings. Thanks also to those who have contributed electronically. Many offered to send their comments and suggestions and we would be grateful if these could be received in the parish office washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by Monday 21st November to enable us to make our submission to the diocese by mid December. Contributions from other parishioners are also welcome.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the J&P/Parish charity fund. We recently sent a donation of £500 to West Berks Food Bank who were very grateful for our support.

" Your generous donation will enable us to continue to support the most vulnerable in our community, and to work towards a UK without the need for foodbanks, at a time when we continue to see increases in the usage of the WBFoodbank beyond our forecasts. Last year we provided over 10,000 seven-day emergency food supplies to local people in food crisis. This provision of support is only made possible by our amazing team of 110 volunteers, including more than 80 volunteers in the warehouse alone ...With 1 in 5 people in the UK said to be living below the poverty line, the work of the foodbanks continues to be vital. Every donation we receive enables us to help more people who are in food crisis and to move towards a Hunger Free Future. We are so grateful for the support that your church group has shown the Foodbank."

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office
Please pray for Geoffrey Keegan, Lucy Tyler, Courtney Andrews, Ann Bowyer, Lily Brooke, Bronek (father of Anna Brooks), Christopher & Robert Brown, Tim Burke-Gaffney, Lucy Curtis, Mary Dykes, Chris Dykes, Emma, Joe Emery, Sam Hearn, June & Jo Howard, Evelyn Lavers, Noreen McCann, Shomila Malik, Joseph Marletta, Marie O'Sullivan, Daryl Pike, Mary Russell, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner, Arthur Mitchell, Cecelia Smith, Malcolm Higgins, Rod Radue, Sofia Joseph, Corbert Joseph, who ask for our prayers. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes